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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN SITUATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR SUDAN

1. BASED ON REPORTING FROM EMBASSY CAIRO, APPEARS THAT ON BALANCE ARABS ARE PERTURBED BY SADAT'S RECENT MOVES AGAINST LIBYA. IN CONTRAST, NIMEIRI HAS PROVIDED SWIFT AND FULL PUBLIC SUPPORT. THUS, RECENT EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN CLASHES HAVE SERVED TO BRING NIMEIRI AND SADAT EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER EGYPTIANS CONSULTED WITH SUDANESE IN ADVANCE NOR IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE SUDANESE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AT ALL IN ATTACKS ON LIBYAN TARGETS. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF, UNDER EGYPT/SUDAN DEFENSE TREATY, SOME ADVANCE COORDINATION TOOK PLACE.

2. FOR SUDAN, MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN CLASHES WAS ATTACK AT KUFRA. THERE HAVE BEEN INTERMITTENT REPORTS OF ACTIVITY AT KUFRA, INCLUDING TRAINING OF INSURGENTS, PRESUMABLY AIMED ULTIMATELY AT SUDAN. THEREFORE EGYPTIAN ATTACK AT KUFRA AS WELL AS OTHER
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MILITARY ACTION MAY HAVE WEAKENED LIBYAN ABILITY TO MOUNT OR SUPPORT ATTACK AGAINST SUDAN, AT LEAST IN SHORT RUN. COMBINED WITH NIMEIRI'S RECENT ATTEMPTS TO NEUTRALIZE ANSAR OPPOSITION, THESE DEVELOPMENTS COULD REDUCE LIBYAN THREAT AGAINST SUDAN FOR TIME BEING.
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